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Honorable Alfred A. McCandless  
House of Representatives  
2422 Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McCandless:

This is in reply to your letters of May 3, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of the changes contained in the Notice.

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2422 RHOB  
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Very Truly yours,

*Al McCandless*

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Very Truly yours,

*William McCandless*

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Al McCandless  
Member of Congress  
44th District, California

January 30, 1993

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The Honorable Al McCandless  
U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: PR Docket 92-235

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Dear Mr. McCandless

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in several local clubs whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and the attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of the safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate and hundreds more come to watch. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry. I am a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and there are well over 200,000 members in that national organization.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



Douglas Ryan Webb  
12188 Leif Ericson Drive  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

GEORGE W. MARCY  
974 MAPLE AVENUE  
BEAUMONT, CA 92223  
(909) 845-6909

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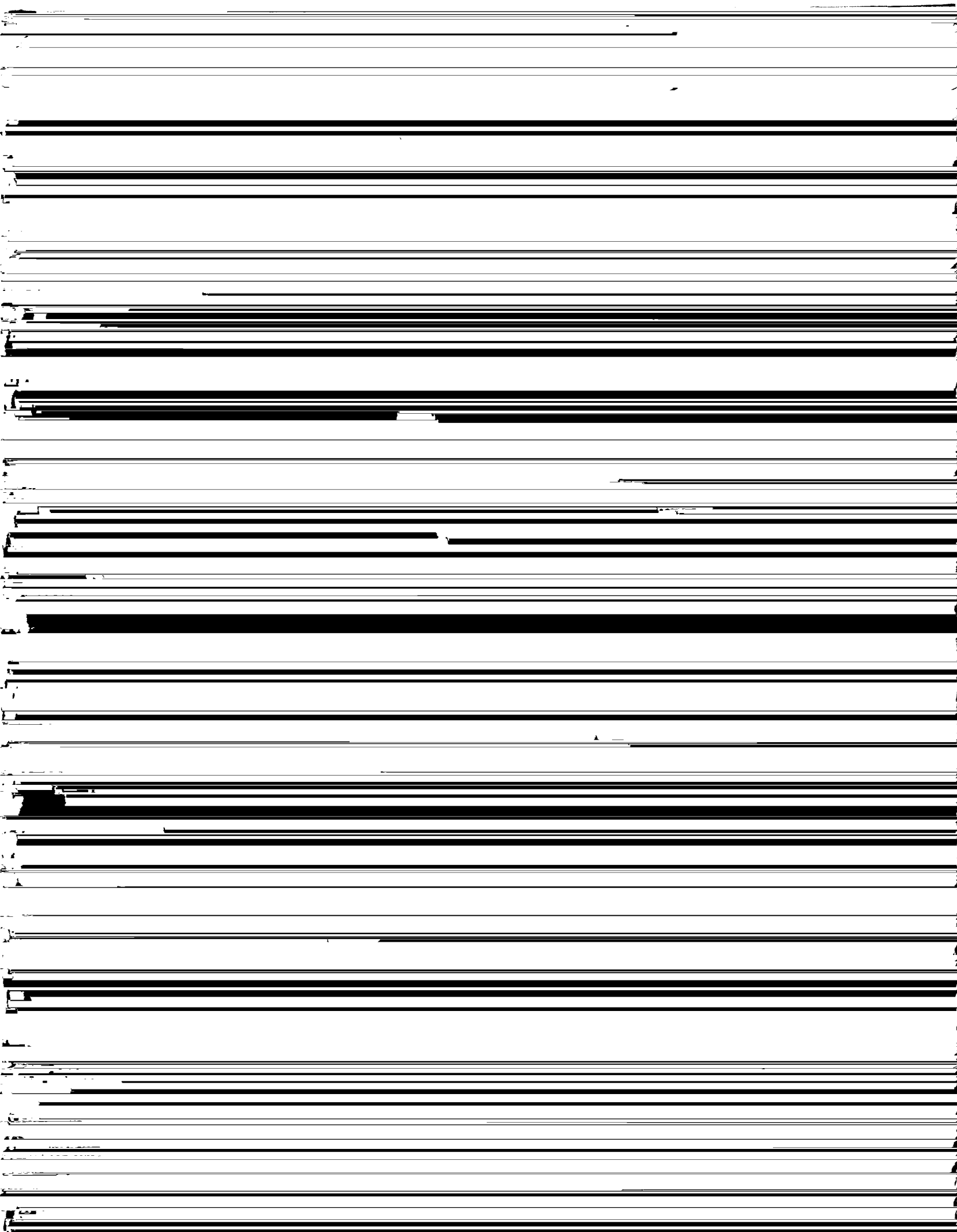
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GEORGE W. MARCY



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PALM DESERT

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FEBRUARY 12, 1993

Dear Senator,

I HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN A LOCAL R/C CLUB WHOSE MEMBERS ENJOY CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATING RADIO-CONTROLLED MODEL AIRPLANES. I PERSONALLY OWN 3 RADIOS, AND 5 R/C MODELS AND HAVE A WORKSHOP FULL OF OTHER PRODUCTS NECESSARY TO OPERATING MY MODELS.

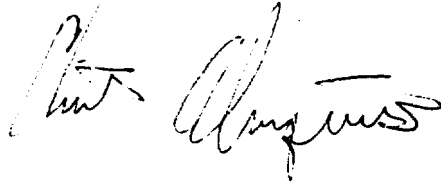
I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED RULE THAT IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE FCC. THE PROCEEDING IS PR DOCKET 92-235. IF ADOPTED THE NEW RULE WILL GREATLY REDUCE THE USABILITY OF FREQUENCIES CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FOR R/C MODEL USE AND INCREASE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS AND ATTENDANT LIABILITY.

OUR RADIO-CONTROL FREQUENCIES ARE IN THE 72-76 MHZ BAND. THIS BAND IS PRIMARILY USED FOR PRIVATE LAND MOBILE DISPATCH OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, OUR RADIO-CONTROL FREQUENCIES IN THIS BAND



THE FCC HAS A DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 26, 1993 AFTER WHICH IT MAY  
BECOME MORE DIFFICULTY TO AVOID HALTING THESE PROPOSALS FROM  
GOING INTO EFFECT.

SINCERELY. CLINT ALMQUIST

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clint Almquist".

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THE PROPOSAL TO ADD MOBILE  
FREQUENCIES BETWEEN THE  
CHANNEL NOW USED FOR  
RADIO CONTROL AIRCRAFT  
WILL CROWDING RC TO THE  
POINT THAT THE RADIOS WILL NOT  
OPERATE. (RC CHANNELS)

HAVING ENJOYED THE SPORT  
FOR TWENTY YEARS IN OUR  
LOCAL CLUBS OF TWENTY  
MEMBERS, TRAVELING TO LOCAL  
& STATE WIND EVENTS.

THE MONEY INVESTED IN  
THE FOUR RADIO SYSTEMS  
ADDS TO A LARGE SUM OF  
MONEY. THE LOCAL HOBBY SHOP

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DEVOTES THIRTY PERCENT  
TO RADIO CONTROL PRODUCTS.  
THE SAFETY & LIABILITY W.  
FLYING IN THE BASIN OF A  
MODEL THAT WEIGHS THE  
FIVE POUNDS AND FLIES AT  
FIFTY MILES AN HOUR IS  
RISK OF BECOMING AN  
UNBIDEN MISSILE WITH  
OTHER MOBILE FREQUENCIES  
AROUND OPERATING AT TWICE  
THE POWER.

Thank You  
R. Adams

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THE HONORABLE  
UNITED STATES  
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